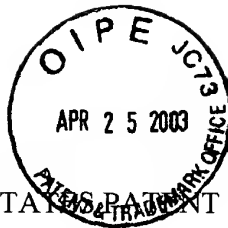


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: Group Art Unit: 2812
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application,
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claim 111 as follows. Note that all claims currently
pending in this application have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.